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**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : François GIRARD et al.)
Appln. No. : 09/994,783) Group Art Unit 3728
Filed : November 28, 2001) Examiner Anthony Stashick
For : SOLE FOR BOOT, IN PARTICULAR) Confirmation No. 8368
A SPORTS BOOT, A METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING SAME, AND)
A BOOT HAVING SUCH A SOLE)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In the Claims

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

a 16. (Amended) A sole according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcement has a sandwich structure having a thickness less than or equal to 3 mm.

Please add new claim 39 as follows:

a2 -- 39. A sole according to claim 1, further comprising a plate to reinforce the sole, said plate having a shape corresponding substantially to a planar projection of a human foot. --

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